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IMAGES FOR AN OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE

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Applicant respectfully directs the attention of the Examiner to the fact that, although previously-submitted European Publication No. 0,312,094 is not in the English language, it corresponds to enclosed U.S. Patent No. 4,919,517. Also, previously-submitted German Publication No. 26,33,067 and French Publication No. 2,693,807 are not in the

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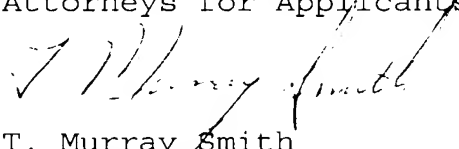
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English language. However, Applicant has recently come into possession of an English-language Abstract of each of these two documents, and copies of these two Abstracts are enclosed as a courtesy to the Examiner.

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Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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A light strip (LB) is produced on the car windscreen (2) as a virtual image of a diaphragm slot in the light path of a light source. The slot is near the focus (F) of a converging lens (3) at an angle to its optical axis, and can be moved depending on the safe distance to be displayed, so that the image width corresponds to the safe distance, and its height to the driver (1) eye level.

The lens is of the Fresnel type, and the diaphragm slot is of triangular form. The latter is mounted on an eccentric disc and is controllable by a non-linear potentiometer. The instrument details are similar to those used in aeronautics under the name 'head-up display'.

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ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ABSTRACT FOR
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The data display projects information onto the windscreen in the driver's field of vision. The data is projected from a projector (4) mounted on the roof of the vehicle or high on the windscreen, and is directed to a mixer (1) fitted in the top surface of the dashboard (2).

The mixer is fixed to a plate (5) that can pivot round a horizontal axis, allowing the mixer to be tilted between the raised operating position and the lowered position when it is out of service and is retracted flush with the top of the dashboard.

ADVANTAGE - Simple retraction of secondary information display providing dashboard with smooth top surface when retracted.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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A	4,919,517	04/24/90	Jost, et al.			
B	6,014,259	01/11/00	Wohlstadter			
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K	WO 89/03059	04/06/89	PCT				
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M	WO 98/28602	07/02/98	PCT				
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P	Richards, Oscar W., "Visual Needs and Possibilities for Night Automobile Driving", American Optical Corporation Southbridge, Massachusetts, 08/67, two cover pages, pages i, iii, v, vii, ix, xi, 1-36, 38-66, and 124-138.
Q	U.S. Serial No. 09/747,035, filed December 21, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING DISTORTION IN A DISPLAYED IMAGE", by Douglas W. Anderson, 18 pages of text and 2 pages of drawings (Attorney Docket No. 004578.1095).
R	U.S. Serial No. 09/972,543, filed October 8, 2001, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FORMING IMAGES FOR DISPLAY IN A VEHICLE", by Alexander L. Kormos, 39 pages of text and 4 pages of drawings (Attorney Docket No. 019469.0218).

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